

3 functional parts to the paint-finished product after the strippable paint coating step.

1 30. (new) A method of claim 27, wherein said step of preliminarily drying said
2 strippable paint uses infrared irradiation drying and said step of non-preliminarily drying said
3 product uses hot air drying.

1 31. (new) The method of claim 27, further including the step of stabilizing the
2 strippable paint after it is coated on said product and prior to said preliminary drying step.

1 32. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein said stabilizing step is performed at
2 room temperature.

1 33. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein said preliminary and non-preliminary
2 drying steps are performed at elevated temperatures.

34. (new) Apparatus for forming a protective film on a surface of a large-sized
product finished with a sprayed coating by applying a strippable paint to a surface of the
sprayed coating, the apparatus comprising:

pretreatment means for washing and dehydrating the surface of the sprayed coating;
means for applying strippable paint to said product;
means for preliminarily drying the strippable paint applied to said product; and
means for non-preliminarily drying said product after it has been preliminarily dried.

35. (new) Apparatus for forming a protective film on a large paint-finished product
according to claim 34, further comprising an assembly booth for mounting an engine and
functional parts to the paint-finished product prior to said strippable paint coating step.

1 36. (new) Apparatus for forming a protective film on a large paint-finished product
2 according to claim 34, further including an assembly booth for mounting an engine and
3 functional parts to the paint-finished product after the strippable paint coating step.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Line 2, change "a machine" to -- apparatus --;

line 5, after "is" insert -- conventionally --;

line 6, change "and will be" to -- for a period of time before it is --;

line 11, change "certainly" to -- reliably --;

line 16, before the period insert -- according to the invention --;